

## Church Family Calendar

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—  
(Natalie May) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)  
9:00 AM—Sunday School  
10:00 AM—Worship—(Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &  
Livestream)  
1:00 AM—Claire Stokes Wedding Tea—(Parlor)

### MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)  
1:00 PM—Card Ministry Team Meeting  
6:30—9:00 PM—Gym Reserved

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day  
10:00 AM—Bible Seekers Life Group—(Parlor)  
5:30 PM—Trustees Meeting—(Parlor)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

God’s Closet CLOSED

## Birthdays

3/8 Kenny McLain  
3/9 Barry Richardson  
3/10 Garrett Threadgill  
3/12 Natalie May  
Susan Rosamond  
Hadley Chalmers Harrier  
Kim McClain  
3/13 Penny Dickerson

## Anniversaries

\*non-resident members

## Sunday, March 8, 2026

Sunday School: 57  
Worship Attendance: 196

## Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Thank you for bringing vases to the church for the flower ministry.  
Now our cabinets are fully stocked.

**Shot Stribling’s Address**  
RCT Stribling, Michael S.  
3rd RTBN INDIA CO PLT 3K017  
Box 16335  
Parris Island, SC 29905-6335

**Leyton Turk’s Address**  
PVT Turk, Leyton  
B Co 3-13th INF  
4420 Jackson Blvd  
Ft. Jackson, SC 29207

*Cards, letters, & prayers are appreciated for these men  
who are serving our country.*

No Wednesday Night Activities this week  
due to Spring Break.

## Easter Egg Hunt & Churchwide Fish Fry

Friday, April 3rd  
5:30 PM—Egg Hunt  
6 PM—Fish Fry  
7 PM—Good Friday Service in Sanctuary  
*Youth will be taking donations for the fish fry as a fundraiser.*

## Electronic Giving

- **Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- **Online Giving:** [phillyfirstmc.org](http://phillyfirstmc.org)
- **Text Giving:** Text the amount to 1-601-281-0741
- **Giving App:** Download the free Shelby Next App through the App Store or Google Play. Type in “phillyfirstmc” where it says “domain”. Click to create an account.
- Donate from your smartphone by scanning QR code;



*If you need assistance, please call the church office.*

## Church Communications

- **Emails:** To receive the prayer request and/or general news e-mails sign up for these teams by going to [www.phillyfirstmc.org](http://www.phillyfirstmc.org). Click on Connect, then Member Portal. Click on TEAMS; Click on JOIN beside the team(s) you wish to join.  
*You may also call the church office to sign up.*
- **Text Messages:** Please make sure the church has your cell number.  
We will be sending meeting notices, reminders, cancellations, due to weather, etc. via text message.  
*\*Please call Sheila in the church office if you need any help.*

2026 Program Books  
are available at the front entrance and  
the East entrance to the sanctuary.

## Need a Helping Hand?

Minor Home Projects such as: light bulbs changed, leaking faucets,  
minimal electrical things, running toilets  
Contact the Church Office at 601-656-1376 or [office@phillyfirstmc.org](mailto:office@phillyfirstmc.org).

## God’s Closet

Open Saturday, Mar. 21st - Volunteers: Holy Cross (Debbie Curran) &  
Joyce Ervin

**Items of the Month:** Notebook paper, Primary Tablets  
Donations of clean like-new clothes are welcome. We have a donation box in  
the FLC or you can arrange to meet at the closet by calling Susan Powell at  
601-660-4637.— God’s Closet needs **Boys Blue Jeans Sizes 6, 7, 10 & 12.**

## Church Staff

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PIANIST

**Laura Bryan**  
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## Service of Celebration & Praise March 8, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Announcements/Prayer/Lord’s Prayer - Ken Turner

Musical Call to Worship - Piano

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens  
**Congregation: Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**  
Leader: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God  
**Congregation: Your judgments are like the great deep.**  
Leader: O LORD, you save man and beast. How precious is your  
steadfast love, O God!  
**Congregation: Your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**  
**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be.  
World without end. Amen and amen.

\*Congregational Singing  
\*“Forever”

\*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (chorus)  
\*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”  
“Love Like This” - Drew Herring

Scripture-Based Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory - “Walk Worthy of the Lord” - Chancel Choir

Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

\*Closing Prayer / Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

\*Postlude - Pianist

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*\*\*Nursery provided in room 14, birth—2 years old*

Our Purpose: “Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus”

## WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping at Philly First today. We hope that you will feel God's Spirit and be blessed as you worship.

### SERVING TODAY:

**MARCH USHERS:** John King, Captain; Matt Nicholson; Chris Posey; Chris Jackson

**TECH ARTS:** Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea

**COUNTERS:** Kristen Hancock & April Posey

**NURSERY:** Molly Breazeale

**FLOWERS TODAY :** Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Mars, Gladys and Henry Mars  
By: Jeanette Mars, Grayson & Chad Miller, Lance, Caleb, Owen, and Rosalie

**NARTHEX FLOWERS:** Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pastora VanTuyle Cooper  
By: Jeanette Mars, Grayson & Chad Miller, Lance, Caleb, Owen, and Rosalie

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :

**TECH ARTS:** Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea

**COUNTERS:** Ken Turner & Tyson Stribling

**NURSERY:** Joyce Ervin

**ACOLYTES:** Luke White, Latimer Harwood

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR:** Julia Cole

## Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you would like to renew a request, please call the church office.

<b>Penny Chaney</b>	Gayle Lesley
<b>Bonnie Coggins—St. Dominic</b>	Ken Lewis
<b>Dewayne Sharp</b>	James Mars
James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)	Vicky Marshall
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards' cousin)	Ike Martin
Mary Louise Blanks	Don McKay
Barry Boler—(Kasey Storey's dad)	Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)	Ian Michelletti
Clinton Kase Bradford	Dr. Clyde Muse—(Julia Cole's father)
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)	Donny Page
Laura Bryan	Lori Clark Porter
Cindy Byrd	Gail Rickles
Bobbie Cannon Family	Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)	Judy Sharp
Homer Davis	Dot Stern—Virginia West's sister
Debra Drury	Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
Esther Stovall Drury	Tim & Cindi Temple—(Madalyn Stribling's parents) - Tim - Methodist Rehab
Richard Eakes	Rebecca Thomas—(Rhonda's granddaughter)
Ben Edwards	Ashley Triplett
Michael Eichelberger	Steve Turner
God's Closet Prayer Requests	Scott & Mary Vernon
Graham Goldman	Ray Warren—(Susan Powell's dad)
Dale Gray	Sue Wells
Mitchell Hancock	Don Windham
Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees' father)	Mike Winston—(John Carr Bates' father-in-law)
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)	
Bobbie Holley	
Betty Irons	
Jerry Joyner Family	
Michael Kilpatrick	



## Children's News

Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids



Join our Children's Ministry GroupMe: 'Philly First Kids' on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.

## Camp Wesley Pines Summer Camp

Early-bird & Church deadline (for funding) is Sunday, March 15. \*Info flyers available on the Kid Ministry Table.

## 3rd-6th Grade Basics of Faith Kid's Retreat

Lake Forest Ranch, Macon, MS  
Date: March 20-22



SUNDAY, JULY 12—TUESDAY, JULY 15



## Youth Ministry News

Follow us on Instagram at anchoredphilly, or on Facebook at Anchored Student Ministry.

## Youth Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:00 AM  
Upstairs

## Wednesday Night Youth

will not meet this week due to Spring Break.

## New Youth Sunday School Teacher Needed

Beginning March 1 we will be needing a new teacher for the Youth class. Drew can help provide teaching and discussion materials throughout the semester. Contact Drew if you are willing to serve as their teacher.



You're invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe! Scan the QR code.

## Donations Requested for LED Screens in the Sanctuary

The Leadership Team has voted to purchase two LED screens to be located over the inside exit doors, eliminating our current failing projector. The LED screens will eliminate the use of the projector and screen. A new livestreaming camera system is included in this project as well as a sound system assessment.

The Leadership Team approved up to \$100,000 on this project. We have \$59,000 allocated toward this project.

We are asking for donations and pledges toward the remaining \$41,000.

If you would like to donate, you may bring or mail your donations to the church office, place in the offering plate (write "LED Screens" in the memo of your check) or give electronically to the TV Ministry fund (add a note—"LED Screens").

## Upcoming Events

March 9	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
March 10	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
March 17	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	The Southern Butcher
March 20-22	Kid's Retreat (3rd-6th Graders)		
March 29	Easter Cantata	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
April 3	Easter Egg Hunt	5:30 pm	Church Lawn
	Fish Fry (Youth Fundraiser)	6:00-6:45 PM	Gym
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 AM	Youth House
	Easter Morning Service	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
June 8-13	Camp Wesley Pines Kids Camp		
July 11-14	Youth M-28 Camp		Lake Junaluska
July 12-14	VBS	Evenings	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please register your attendance in the attendance pad on your pew. Then pass the attendance pad down your pew for each person to register. Please place the completed attendance sheet in the offering plate.**

**You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring Claire Stokes bride elect of Nathaniel Pierce Today, March 8, 2026 from 1:00 until 2:00 in the afternoon Church Parlor**

## Card Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, March 9th at 1:00 PM  
Library

## Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 10th at 5:30 PM  
Parlor

## Easter White Hydrangeas Children's Ministry Fundraiser

The children are selling white Hydrangeas for a fundraiser! These will be used to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter service. They can be placed in honor or memory of someone special! Forms are located at the entrances to the sanctuary. **Deadline to purchase is Wednesday, March 25th**

## Mission Reminders

- Quarter Challenge during Lent  
Last year during Lent we raised over \$1,300  
This will offset the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child
- Food Drive for Open Arms (March 1—March 31)  
Boxes are located at the entrances of the Education Building  
Items needed:  
Canned Ravioli                      Canned Fruit                      Peanut Butter  
Boxed Mac and Cheese      Canned Chicken & Tuna      Squeeze Jelly

## Adult Fellowship Luncheon

Will meet on Tuesday, March 17th at The Southern Butcher for a Dutch lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Use the back door entrance in the courtyard area for our meeting in the private dining room.)

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